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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Naoto MATONO et al.

Group Art Unit: 2627

Application No.: 10/699,802

Examiner: D. DAVIS

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Docket No.: 117657

For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Supplemental to the Response to Election of Species Requirement filed June 18, 2007 in reply to the Election of Species Requirement mailed May 17, 2007, please consider the following:

Claims 2-7 and 12-15 are pending in this application.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species II, i.e., the Species of Figures 16-27, and Sub-species VII, i.e., the Sub-species of Figure 27. Claims 14 and 15 are readable on the elected Species and Sub-species. This election is made with traverse.

In further response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants respectfully assert that at least claim 14 is generic to at least the elected Species II.

Applicants traverse the election of species requirement on the ground that the generic claims are not so broad as to place an undue burden on the Patent Office to search and examine

the full scope of the claims. Rather, Applicants respectfully assert that search and examination of the entire application could be conducted without undue burden on the Examiner, thus avoiding delay and expense to Applicants.

Applicants further understand, however, that upon search, examination and allowance of the elected species, search and examination will continue as to the non-elected species within the scope of the generic claims.

Early and favorable consideration of the application are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney with any questions regarding the application, or any suggestions to expedite prosecution, at the telephone number listed below.

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